

**Problem:** Determine and plot the velocity of a free-falling object with quadratic drag over  $t = 0$  to 25 seconds. Use  $m = 68.1$  kg,  $c = 0.25$  kg/s, and  $g = 9.81$  m/s<sup>2</sup>. The velocity is given by:

$$v = \sqrt{mg/c} \tanh(\sqrt{gc/m} t)$$

**Solution:** I used Matlab for the solution.

Here is my Command Window:

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>> g=9.81;c=0.25;m=68.1;  
>> t=[0:.25:25]';  
>> v=sqrt(m*g/c)*tanh(sqrt(g*c/m)*t);  
>> plot(t,v);grid minor; xlabel('time (sec)');ylabel('velocity (m/s)');title('sample problem')
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Here is my plot:

